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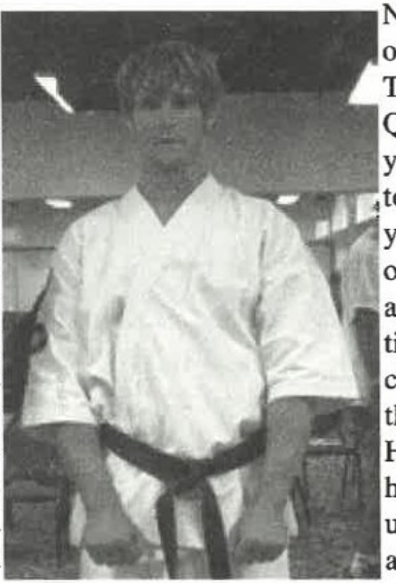
FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS HOPE TO DEFEND IN DALLAS - ONE HOT OFF A WIN AT NATIONALS, TOO

Josh Quayhagen, Susan Watts, Angelica Drexel, and Donnie Michael hope to defend their World Grand Champion Titles at the 2006 USKA World Championships in Dallas, Texas this August. The Hotel Intercontinental Dallas will play host to us August 3-6 as martial arts competitors converge from all over to battle it out in hopes of earning a USKA World Title.



Josh Quayhagen

Josh Quayhagen, a Kyo Kai Do stylist, under the instruction of his father, Ric Quayhagen, is the 2005 USKA World Black Belt Men's Kumite Grand Champion who will be competing at the World Championships in Dallas in defense of his title. He is hot off a win at the 2006 Nationals in Albuquerque, NM where he obtained the National Title as well. Mr. Quayhagen was the youngest competitor to win the title last year at just 18 years of age. He possesses a seasoned sense of timing and ability to change his strategy in the ring as needed. He continues to hone his fighting skills, and use his speed to advantage, even against much larger opponents. Now 19 years old, Josh Quayhagen will be a Junior at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Here he is studying chemical engineering and business management.

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specially recognized. The top ten in the 2005/2006 National Points competition are called forward to receive a Bushido Award Certificate, and the top three to also receive a trophy. It is a pleasure to see our many competitors who have worked so hard all year in competition being recognized at the ceremony, especially as the first place winners get the opportunity to say a few words. They all look so sharp as they have dressed up special for the event.

If you haven't yet made your hotel reservations, do so right now! The Hotel Intercontinental Dallas is holding rooms for us at a special rate until July 13, 2006. Please call 1-800-386-1592 right away to make your reservation. Be sure to mention the 2006 United States Karate Alliance World Championships to secure your special rate. We look forward to seeing everyone in Dallas, Texas for great competition, good times, good food, entertainment, and an exchange of knowledge. See you there!

ALLIANCE MEMBERS' RESULTS AT NASKA US OPEN

by Cathy Davis, 7th Dan

Josh Quayhagen, Teresa Davies, and Cathy Davis attended the NASKA US Open Tournament in Orlando, Florida. The US Open is one of the top three NASKA tournaments, and is an open, sport karate tournament. All three Alliance competitors placed in their respective divisions. Josh Quayhagen fought in the Black Belt Men's Heavyweight division. There were over 40 competitors in his division. Mr. Quayhagen's speed and excellent timing helped him outscore his opponents, earning second place in his division. Under NASKA rules, hand techniques are one point and kicks are two points. Mr. Quayhagen predominately uses his hands, so his wins were even more impressive considering he usually scored twice as many times as his opponents to win. Teresa Davies performed a traditional kata in the Black Belt Women's division and took third place. In the Light Weight Women's Kumite division she won third place by showing her kicks were as good or better than the NASKA competitors. Cathy Davis placed third in the Senior Women's Black Belt Kata division. All in all, it was an excellent warm-up for the World Championships in Dallas.

CONTINUOUS SPARRING AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Continuous Sparring has become more and more popular, and each year we find better ways to run the event which make it more fun, and safer for the competitors. This year, the Continuous Sparring will consist of two – 30 second rounds. Two judges will be keeping score of white points, and two judges will be keeping score of red points. At the quick break between rounds, the judges will switch competitors for which they keep score. At the end of the second round, the one with the most points wins the match. The scoring areas and contact rules are the same as for point sparring. Continuous Sparring is loads of fast fun – Give it a try!

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS' SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 3rd	
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Continuous Sparring Competition
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	USKA Rules & Referee Certification
	Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminar
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Atlee Chittim Roll of Honor
Friday, August 4th	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tournament Registration
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Koshiki Competition
	Musical Forms
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Weapons Competition
2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Chanbara Competition
	Team Sparring for All Youth & Adult Kyus
8:00 pm – 12:00 Midnight	Alliance Hall of Fame Meeting
Saturday, August 5th	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tournament Registration
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	*Kata Competition*
	Black Belt Team Kumite
6:45 pm – 7:30 pm	*Louisiana State Awards*
7:30 pm – 11:30 pm	National Awards Banquet & Social
Sunday, August 6th	
8:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Tournament Registration
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Kumite Competition
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	World Championship Finals

UNITED STATES KARATE ALLIANCE
2007 NATIONALS TOURNAMENT
AND ANNUAL SEMINAR

March 29– April 1, 2007
at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque, New Mexico

2007 USKA Nationals Tournament

Alliance Nationals Tournament Open to *All Black Belts* of All Styles Kata, Kumite, & Weapons Competitors Under the Rank of Black Belt Must Qualify to compete.

*** KATA * KUMITE * WEAPONS * COMPETITION!**
*** KOSHIKI * CHANBARA * MUSICAL KATA * *IAIDO * COMPETITION!**

Get your Teams together Now for:
*** TEAM KATA * TEAM SPARRING ***

Koshiki, Chanbara, Musical Kata, Iaido, Team Kata, and Team Sparring Competitors Do NOT have to Qualify to Compete.
These Events are OPEN to Competitors of ALL Ranks & ALL Styles

*** SEMINARS with Nationally Recognized Instructors***

Seminars are Open to Martial Artists of All Ranks and Styles and will be held on Sunday

***Judging and Referee Seminar on Friday ***

National Convention on Friday
(Rule Proposals are considered)

Kobudo (Weapons) Testing on Thursday

Watch for revised schedule including an earlier start on Friday.

Make your room reservations for the United States Karate Alliance Nationals Tournament and Annual Seminar at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque, NM
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narrowed down to the top two for the event. These top two compete at the Finals for the World Title. At the Finals, each competitor performs their form, and receives scores. Then they each perform the same form showing the bunkai with opponents, and receives scores based on the realism and execution of their bunkai.. The two scores are added together after the high and low are dropped to determine the winner. It is an enjoyable highlight at the World Championships.

Angelica Drexel

Angelica Drexel, of Pineville, Louisiana has her hopes set on defending her title this year in Dallas. She is a Keichu Ryu stylist under the instruction of **Danny Gilliland** in Pineville. Ms. Drexel is a well-rounded competitor as she has swept all three USKA Black Belt National Point divisions this year – Black Belt Women Sparring, Forms, and Weapons.

Donnie Michael

The 2005 USKA World Black Belt Weapons Grand Champion Title is held by Donnie Michael. He is no stranger to this title as his 2005 title became his 6th World Title. Mr. Michael is a Shorin Ryu Kobayashi stylist who trains under the guidance of Eddie Bethea, Jr., but also runs his own school in Kokomo, Indiana, and is a member of the Alliance Hall of Fame. When you watch Mr. Michael perform his weapon forms, you see both focus and power as he manipulates his weapon to its target.

We are fortunate this year to be able to hold a banquet again with our awards ceremony. On Saturday, August 5th, our USKA National Point winners are

There will be many Black Belt Men to challenge Mr. Quayhagen for his title. One that springs to mind is **Adrian Galvan** of The Colony, Texas. Mr. Galvan is a TaeKwonDo stylist training with his father, **Juan Galvan**. He has swept all three National Point Divisions for the 2005/2006 season; Black Belt Men Sparring, Forms, and Weapons. He was also the 2004 USKA World Black Belt Men's Kumite Grand Champion.

Susan Watts

Susan Watts is a 5th Degree TaeKwonDo stylist under the instruction of **Dr. David Jordan**. She will be competing in the Finals at the World Championships hoping to defend her title as the 2005 USKA World Black Belt Women's Kumite Grand Champion. Ms. Watts also held this title in 1991. She is an experienced competitor, and uses her ring savvy wisely. She is a very strong fighter, and also excels in forms and weapons. She has placed 2nd in the USKA National Point Standings this season in each category – Sparring, Forms, and Weapons.

Ms. Watts is a Chief Financial Officer and Certified Public Accountant from Vivian, Louisiana. She is also the head instructor/owner of ArkLaTex TaeKwonDo, and was inducted into the Alliance Hall of Fame in 2005. Her title defense will be challenged by talented up and coming black belt women as well as seasoned veterans.

The USKA World Black Belt Kata Grand Champion honors have been predominantly held by men. Last year, **Angelica Drexel** proudly captured the title which had not been won by a woman in 14 years. Ms. Drexel exhibits great power and focus while performing her forms. She works hard to execute preciseness in her techniques as well as having good presentation.

The Grand Champion Kata round at the USKA World Championships is unique. The 1st place Black Belt Kata winners are

PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS!

Dawn Kenney	*3rd Kyu Brown Belt*
Carl Dillingham	*Brown Belt*
Ashley Anderson	*1st Degree Black Belt*
Randy Anderson	*1st Degree Black Belt*
Janet Kamps	1st Degree Black Belt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rules & Referee and Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminar will be held in Dallas, Texas on Thursday, August 3rd, at 7:00 pm during the USKA World Championships

Alliance Hall of Fame Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas on Friday, August 4th, at 8:00 pm during the USKA World Championships.

World Hotel Reservations: Make your 2006 World hotel reservations by calling the Hotel Intercontinental Dallas at 1-800-386-1592. Call by July 13th and mention the 2006 United States Karate Alliance World Championships to secure your special group rate.

USKA Website: The USKA website is gradually being updated. Check us out on the web at www.uska.net. As a member, sign up for the "Members Only" portion of the website. One of the latest items is a gallery of picture from the 2006 Nationals locate on the "Members Only " portion of the website. Enjoy!

USKA Rulebooks:
The latest edition of the USKA Rulebooks are now available. Just send $15.00 along with your request to USKA, P.O. Box 8643, Albuquerque, NM 87198 to order yours.

2007 Nationals:
The 2007 Nationals & Annual Seminar will be held March 30 - April 1, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mark your calendars!